

HOUSE RESOLUTION 8 of the Second Extraordinary Session
By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Kay Bowers on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Kay Bowers is one such estimable person who has served with probity for 32 years with the Central Office of the Roane County School System; and

WHEREAS, a native of Mountain City, Mrs. Bowers moved with her husband, Edgar R. "Buddy" Bowers, back to his home town of Harriman in 1966 following his graduation from law school; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bowers was working at Harriman City Hospital in 1967 when then Superintendent Dr. Edward E. Williams offered her a position with the county school system, a position she accepted, under the guidance of the late Lucille R. Johnson, County Director of Instruction; and

WHEREAS, Kay Bowers quickly learned about the day-to-day tasks associated with the operation of the central office, took on school policies and legal issues, and immersed herself in the preservation of school records. In the process, she became a valuable repository of knowledge about the school system and was of great service to the late Dr. Williams during his two terms, as well as Dr. Jack Staff, the late Jim Estes, Jess Plemons and the current Director of Schools, Gary Collins; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bowers served as secretary of the Roane County Board of Education, in addition to her duties as Assistant to the Superintendent until 1981, and continued to work closely with the board after that; and

WHEREAS, Kay Bowers is an active and important part of the community and, with her husband, is a member of the "Pickwick Group," longtime friends of Governor Don and Martha Sundquist and others who met in the 1970s as members of the state Young Republican leaders; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Kay Bowers has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate other to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bowers exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Kay Bowers our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.